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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN
AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-165 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subdivision (14) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (NEW) (14) "Special mobile agriculture vehicle" means a vehicle
4 with an operator and agriculture support materials, operated upon or
5 across any public highway, incidentally, in conjunction with the
6 commercial operation of agriculture support. Commercial operation of
7 agriculture support is limited to those services provided by a
8 commercial entity to the agriculture industry and shall be limited to
9 the spreading or spraying of materials to promote the growth of crops.

10 Sec. 2. Section 14-25b of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

12 (a) The commissioner may register any vehicle operated upon any
13 public highway as special mobile equipment as defined in subsection
14 (i) of section 14-165 and may issue a special number plate which shall

15 be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such vehicle. The
16 commissioner may issue a registration containing any limitation on the
17 operation of any such vehicle which he deems necessary for its safe
18 operation, provided such vehicle's movement on a highway shall be
19 restricted from its place of storage to the construction site or from one
20 construction site to another. No such vehicle shall be operated upon or
21 across any highway during the times when lights are required as
22 specified in section 14-96a unless it displays the lighted lamps required
23 by sections 14-96b and 14-96c. Such vehicle shall not be used for the
24 transportation of passengers or a payload when operating upon a
25 highway, except that while operating on a highway construction
26 project or on a construction project of any kind which requires the
27 crossing of a highway, it may carry passengers or a payload to the
28 extent required by the project. A vehicle registered as special mobile
29 equipment shall be exempt from the equipment requirements specified
30 in sections 14-80 to 14-106, inclusive. The commissioner may require
31 that a vehicle for which an application for special mobile equipment
32 registration is submitted pass an inspection prior to the issuance of
33 such registration and at such times as he deems necessary for the safe
34 operation of such equipment. The commissioner shall charge an
35 annual fee for such registration equal to one-half of the commercial
36 registration fee for a vehicle having the same gross weight.

37 (b) The commissioner may register any vehicle operated upon any
38 public highway as a special mobile agriculture vehicle, as defined in
39 subdivision (14) of section 14-165, as amended by this act, and may
40 issue a special number plate which shall be displayed in a conspicuous
41 place at the rear of such vehicle. The commissioner may issue a
42 registration containing any limitation on the operation of any such
43 vehicle which he deems necessary for its safe operation, provided such
44 vehicle's operation upon or across a highway shall be restricted as
45 follows: (1) To or from its place of storage, (2) to or from an agriculture
46 location, or (3) from one agriculture location to another. No such
47 vehicle shall be operated upon or across any highway during any time
48 when lights are required pursuant to section 14-96a, unless such

49 vehicle displays the lighted lamps required by sections 14-96b and 14-
50 96c. Such vehicle shall not be used for the transportation of passengers
51 when operating upon or across a highway. A vehicle registered as a
52 special mobile agriculture vehicle shall be exempt from the equipment
53 requirements set forth in sections 14-80 to 14-106, inclusive. The
54 commissioner may require any vehicle, for which an application for
55 registration as a special mobile agriculture vehicle is submitted, to pass
56 an inspection prior to the issuance of such registration and at such
57 times as he deems necessary for the safe operation of such vehicle. The
58 commissioner shall charge an annual fee of four hundred dollars for
59 the registration of such vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	14-165
Sec. 2	October 1, 2008	14-25b

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Statement of Purpose:

To create a new category of vehicle named "special mobile agriculture vehicle", and a registration procedure and annual registration fee for such vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]